

ORDER 08-14-07
MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST
FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Mendocino National Forest. This Order is effective from June 17, 2014, through the end of the official 2014 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in the Designated Recreation Sites listed on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or within the Designated Recreation Sites listed on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Operating an internal combustion engine, except on National Forest System roads or trails. 36 CFR 261.52(h).
4. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
5. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b).
6. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52(f).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed in this Order. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use portable stoves or lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may also build, maintain, attend or use a fire, campfire, or stove fire in the Fire Safe Recreation Sites listed on Exhibit A.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence on the Mendocino National Forest are exempt from Prohibition Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 while they are at their recreation residence.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581.

Done at Willows, California on this 16th day of June 2014.


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This document explains my rationale and the regulatory basis for implementing restrictions on fire use within the Mendocino National Forest.

Criteria for activation of prohibitions in high hazard areas through forest orders are based on National Fire Danger Rating System indices and fuel moisture conditions. The forest currently meets the criteria for activation of restrictions. Indices that can trigger restrictions are: Burning Index is 60 or greater for three consecutive days. Weather and fuel conditions warrant fire restrictions going into effect.

After consulting with Forest Fire Chief Curtis Coots regarding current and expected weather and fuel conditions within the Forest, I am following his recommendation that we issue an order restricting fire use on the Forest.

After reviewing the documentation in relation to the development of the closure order, I find no extraordinary circumstances associated with a fire-use restriction at this time. All Forest visitors will be treated in a consistent manner and there will be little or no impact on any one particular group. No adverse impacts will be imposed on the general population.

I have determined that this action is in a category of actions that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement. The category of exclusion is Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, 13.12 (1); Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 – Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety.



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EXHIBIT A
Designated Recreation Sites
(No Campfire Permit Required)



Covelo Ranger District

Eel River Campground, Little Doe Campground, Howard Lake Campground, Howard Meadows Campground, Atchison Campground, Green Springs Campground, and Hammerhorn Lake Campground.

Grindstone Ranger District

Whitlock, Kingsley, Sugarfoot, Three Prong, Ides Cove, Horse Packer, Wells Cabin, Dead Mule, Lake Red Bluff Recreation Area, Big Springs Day Use Area, Letts Lake, Mill Valley, Dixie Glade, Plaskett Meadows, Masterson, Little Stony, Grey Pine, Fouts Springs, Davis Flat, South Fork, North Fork, Mill Creek, Cedar Camp and Old Mill.

Upper Lake Ranger District

Fuller Grove Campground, Fuller Grove Group Campground, Navy Camp Campground, Pogie Point Campground, Oak Flat Campground, Sunset Campground, Middle Creek Campground, Deer Valley Campground, Bear Creek Campground, Penny Pines Campground, and Lake Pillsbury Summer Home Sites.

Fire Safe Recreation Sites
(Campfire Permit Required)



Upper Lake Ranger District

Lower Nye Campground, Pine Mountain Lookout, Hunter Camp, Pinnacle Rock Camp, Spruce Grove Camp, Sanhedrin Hunter Camp, Dry Oak Camp, and Lakeview Camp.

Covelo Ranger District

Rock Cabin, Rattlesnake, Post Camp, Grizzly Flat, and Patrol Camp.

Grindstone Ranger District

Green Flat, Pacific Ridge Station, West Crockett, Rocky Cabin, Sugar Springs.